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The meeting was called to order at 9 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM 86: TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH (continued) (A/C.2/46/L.77 and L.117)

1. Mr. BELOV (Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance) said that, as a result of the oral revisions made to draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.117 at the 58th meeting, there was no need to provide immediate financial assistance to the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) from the regular budget of the United Nations; consequently, document A/C.2/46/L.102, which contained the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, could be disregarded. It should be noted, however, that paragraph 5 of the draft resolution requested the Secretary-General to submit proposals to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on long-term solutions to the Institute's financial difficulties.

2. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.117 as orally revised.

3. It was so decided.

4. The CHAIRMAN said that, in the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.117 as orally revised, he would take it that the sponsors wished to withdraw draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.77.

5. It was so decided.

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6. Mr. BUNCH (Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services) said that, since 6 December 1991, when document A/C.2/46/L.107 had been issued, the Committee had done a great deal of work, making it necessary to revise the draft text. On page 2, the square brackets should be removed from item 1 (d), "Assistance to the Palestinian people". The square brackets should also be removed from item 1 (e) and the text under the heading "Documentation" should read "Report of the Secretary-General on the economic and social consequences of the establishment of settlements by Israel in the Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem and the Syrian Golan (A/C.2/46/L.120)". On page 3, under item 1 (f), the words "developing countries" should be followed by "and on international economic cooperation". Under the heading "Documentation", A/C.2/46/L.21 should be replaced by A/C.2/46/L.22, and the square brackets should be removed. The documentation for item 1 (g) would be a note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO). Under the documentation for item 1 (h), A/C.2/46/L.34 should be replaced by A/C.2/46/L.101 and the square brackets removed.

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7. The fourth document listed under item 2, "Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of the resolution on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.58)", should be moved to page 12, immediately following item 2 (h), "Human settlements", and the square brackets should be removed. That revision was prompted by the decision taken while considering draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.58 to modify paragraph 7, changing the words "forty-seventh session", to "forty-eighth session". The square brackets should be removed from the fifth paragraph under item 2 and the sixth paragraph under that item should read "Report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the review by the Council of the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts on the Impact of Global Economic and Political Change on the Development Process (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/46/L.111)" and the square brackets should be removed. Under the same item, another paragraph should be added under the heading "Documentation", reading "Report of the Secretary-General on the question of convening a United Nations conference on human settlements". That addition was prompted by resolution 13/2 of the Commission on Human Settlements, entitled "United Nations Conference on Human Settlements".

8. The item currently listed as item 13 should become item 2 (e); the document symbol A/C.2/46/L.71 should be amended to read A/C.2/46/L.71/Rev.1 and the square brackets should be removed. The square brackets should also be removed from items 3, 4 and 5 on page 6. Under the documentation for item 6, the symbol A/C.2/46/L.38 should be replaced by A/C.2/46/L.119 and document A/C.2/46/L.6 should be added; the square brackets should be removed. Any revisions to item 7 would be contingent upon the adoption by the General Assembly of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.121. While he did not wish to speak prematurely, if draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.121 was adopted, the documents listed in the first two paragraphs under item 7 (a) would have to be replaced by document A/C.2/46/L.121. It would also be necessary to delete the third paragraph under item 7 (a). The square brackets around item 10 would have to be removed. Given that item 13 had become item 2 (e), item 14 would become item 13. Under the new item 13, the square brackets would be removed and the symbol A/C.2/46/L.77 replaced by A/C.2/46/L.117. Item 15 would become item 14 and its square brackets would be removed. Finally, item 16 would be deleted.

9. On page 10, in the section dealing with 1993, the square brackets around the second and third documents listed under item 2 (a) would be removed. The symbol of the third document, A/C.2/46/L.57, would be changed to A/C.2/46/L.118. On page 11, the square brackets around item 2 (b) and the second document listed under item 2 (e) would be deleted. On page 12, immediately after item 2 (h), "Human settlements", the document which had originally appeared as the second paragraph on page 4 would be inserted, and three changes would be made under item 2 (i), "Science and technology for development": the words "in science and technology" should be added after the words "in the developing countries", the symbol A/C.2/46/L.23 should be replaced by the symbol A/C.2/46/L.116, and the square brackets should be

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removed. Finally, at the foot of the page, the square brackets should be removed from the second document listed under item 2 (j), "Entrepreneurship".

10. Mr. SALES (Mozambique) and Mr. GUERRERO (Philippines), referring to the draft biennial programme of work for the Second Committee for 1992-1993, agreed that it would be advisable for the section on documentation under item 11 (b), "Special programmes of economic assistance" (p. 8), to indicate the names of the countries and regions which were mentioned there in a general way.

11. The CHAIRMAN said that the Secretariat would take due note of that suggestion.

12. Mr. MAJOOR (Netherlands), speaking on behalf of the European Community, said that he had been impressed by the large number of items and draft resolutions considered during the current session and, at the same time, disappointed that the Second Committee had not yet succeeded in rationalizing its work as the Third Committee had done. In 1992, the European Community proposed to consider the Committee's programme of work in depth and to examine the relationship which existed between the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council in the context of implementing General Assembly resolution 45/264, entitled "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields".

13. Mr. AMAZIANE (Morocco) said that, in the light of the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/184, the reference to the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation in fisheries in Africa, referred to in the sixth paragraph on page 4 of document A/C.2/46/L.107, should appear as a sub-item of item 2, "International economic development and cooperation". He stressed the importance of holding a general debate in the Second Committee.

14. Mr. KOIKE (Japan) said that he had certain misgivings of a technical nature about the possible consequences for the draft biennial programme modifying or eliminating existing bodies, or creating new ones, as a result of resolutions that might be adopted under item 137, "Restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields".

15. Mr. STOBY (Secretary of the Committee) said that the suggestion by the representative of Mozambique would be borne in mind. With regard to the question raised by the delegation of Morocco, the provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/184 did not necessarily mean that the question of cooperation in fisheries in Africa constituted a sub-item of item 2. As for the misgivings expressed by the representative of Japan, if bodies were eliminated, there would, naturally, be no reports from those bodies, and if bodies were modified or new ones created, the biennial programme of work would have to be revised accordingly. In conclusion, he sought the cooperation of all delegations in rationalizing the Committee's work and in upholding the concept of a biennial programme of work.

16. The CHAIRMAN said that, if he heard no objection, he would take it that the Committee wished to adopt its biennial programme of work, contained in document A/C.2/46/L.107, as orally revised by the representative of the Division of Economic and Social Council Affairs and Secretariat Services.

17. It was so decided.

18. The CHAIRMAN said that the Committee would recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

> "The General Assembly, on the recommendation of the Second Committee and in accordance with paragraph 5 of its resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, approves the biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1992-1993, annexed hereto."

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19. Mr. RUDI (Albania) said that, had he been present during the vote on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.120, he would have voted in favour.

20. Miss MENENDEZ (Spain) said that deficiencies and errors had been found in the Spanish translation of certain texts; although her delegation had pointed them out, they had not been corrected in the texts just adopted. Her delegation would inform the Secretariat of those errors and inaccuracies in writing.

COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE

21. After an exchange of courtesies, the CHAIRMAN declared that the Committee had completed its work for the forty-sixth session.

The meeting rose at 10 p.m.